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Docket No.: 57457-017

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
John K. HOWARD : Confirmation Number: 8969
Serial No.: 10/068,854 : Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: February 11, 2002 : Examiner: Bradley L. SISSON
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DNA HYBRIDIZATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003, now due to expire February 4, 2004, be extended for three months and set to expire on May 4, 2004. Please charge the extension fee of \$950.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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Respectfully submitted,

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